

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Harry Teague attended a Veterans Affairs Committee roundtable discussion to address the issue of mental health services in the military. The roundtable, which included mental health experts and representatives from veteran service organizations, explored innovative treatments to address Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in returning soldiers. Teague addressed the panel, emphasizing the importance of efficiently identifying and treating these invisible wounds.

“The history of neglecting the mental health concerns of service members and veterans is as long as our history of military conflict. But changes in combat and conflict now mean that greater and greater percentages of our men and women in uniform are afflicted with wounds that are unseen,” Harry Teague said during the roundtable. We must address the invisible wounds of war in a comprehensive way. We owe it to the soldiers and their families, and we can’t stop until we are providing the best possible level of care.”

Teague, New Mexico’s only representative on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, has made veterans a top priority, helping to secure advanced appropriations funding for the Veterans Administration (VA) and introducing legislation aimed at addressing and reducing the impact of mental health issues like PTSD have on the lives of returning veterans. He led a bi-partisan group in forming the Congressional Invisible Wounds Caucus, to promote awareness of and solutions for the mental health challenges facing our service members and veterans. Recently, Teague also led an inquiry in to treatment for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) at Ft Bliss and across the military, following reports that soldiers returning from war with TBI have struggled with months long waits to be seen by a doctor, inadequate care, and major delays in the opening of Ft. Bliss’ TBI Clinic.



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*Congressman Teague expresses concern about undiagnosed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) among returning service members.*

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